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SUBJ: NEW URANIUM CONVENTION SIGNED BETWEEN GOG AND COMUF

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1. ON JAN. 15, IN PRESENCE OF PRESIDENT BONGO, GOG SIGNED NEW CONVENTION WITH COMUF (URANIUM MINING COMPANY OF FRANCEVILLE). AGREEMENT ON PRICE AND PRINCIPLE OF NEW AGREEMENT HAD BEEN ALREADY ANNOUNCED BY GOG IN APRIL (REFTEL).

2. MAIN FEATURES OF NEW CONVENTION, WHICH RETROACTIVE TO JAN. 1, 1975 AND VALID FOR FIFTEEN YEARS, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) COMUF PROMISES THAT GABONESE URANIUM WILL BE PROCESSED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN GABON; B) COMUF WILL CONSTRUCT FACTORY WITH CAPACITY OF 1,500 TONS OF URANIUM METAL PER YEAR FOR PRODUCTION OF "YELLOW CAKE"; C) NO SALE WILL BE MADE WITHOUT GOG AGREEMENT OF PRICE AND CUSTOMER; D) TAXES PAYABLE TO GOG WILL GO FROM PREVIOUS 25 PERCENT TO 50 PERCENT GROSS PROFITS AND FROM PREVIOUS AVERAGE OF 12 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT ON COMPANY'S TURNOVER. THUS FOR 1975, GOG WILL RECEIVE ABOUT 1.9 BILLION CFA (\$8.6 MILLION)

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AS OPPOSED TO 270 MILLION CFA IN 1974 (ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION).
E) COMUF WILL PREPARE PLAN WITHIN SIX MONTHS FOR GABONIZATION
OF COMPANY AND TRAINING OF GABONESE. F) COMUF WILL GIVE
PRIORITY TO PROVIDING URANIUM FOR GABON'S FUTURE NUCLEAR
CENTERS.

3. NEW CONVENTION GIVES MEANING TO PRESIDENT BONGO'S OFT-
REPEATED STATEMENT THAT URANIUM IS COMMERCIAL RESOURCE LIKE
ANY OTHER AND THAT GABON WILL SELL IT FOR HIGHESE PRICE IT
CAN OBTAIN TO CUSTOMERS IT CHOOSES. STEIGMAN

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